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### MUNICIPAL WARRANT AMNESTY PROGRAM

Beginning Tuesday, December 15, 2009 through January 29, 2010, the City of Norman will conduct a Municipal Warrant Amnesty Program. This will serve as a “forgiveness program” for individuals with certain warrants in the City of Norman Municipal Court. These individuals will have a limited opportunity to resolve the warrant(s) without the fear of being placed in jail because of the warrant(s).

Only individuals with warrants are eligible. According to Ronda Guerrero, the Municipal Court Administrator, “A warrant may be issued for an individual’s arrest if he/she failed to appear in court for a scheduled court date or if he/she failed to pay all fines and costs assessed by the Judge.” **All fines assessed on Failure to Appear charges will be waived by the Norman Municipal Court during this Amnesty period; however, the fines and costs related to the underlying charges will not be waived.** As such, participation in the Amnesty Program will create a minimum savings of \$285.00 for each defendant charged with a Failure to Appear.

The City of Norman is giving defendants a limited opportunity to resolve any outstanding warrants without being arrested. According to the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court “some people have outstanding warrants for their arrest because they have overlooked a court date or failed to pay a fine. We are offering a limited opportunity to clear their record.” Failure to address these matters creates the constant possibility of being jailed on a warrant. For example, an individual driving with a warrant may be stopped by police for a minor traffic violation but will be immediately arrested, and jailed if unable to post bond, once the officer discovers the outstanding warrant by running their record.

Norman Municipal Court is located at 201-B West Gray, Norman, Oklahoma. During the Amnesty period, defendants may appear in person at Municipal Court and resolve the warrant by: 1) paying any outstanding fines and costs from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) or 2) for those who cannot pay immediately, seeing a judge Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. Payments can be made by cash,

money order, cashier's check, or by credit/debit card (MasterCard or Visa). No personal checks will be accepted on outstanding municipal warrants.

Please check the City of Norman's website at [www.ci.norman.ok.us](http://www.ci.norman.ok.us) to see if you have any outstanding warrants. The website lists outstanding warrants from July 2000 to present. If you received a warrant before July 2000 or have other questions, please contact Municipal Court at 405-366-5325.